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## GOV. CURRY SENDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

Piqued at Order Issued by Secretary that Governors Must not Leave Territories without Permission

## NOT ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

Santa Fe, N. M., March 22.— Prompted by what he considered an unfriendly and critical attitude toward him on the part of the department of the interior, as the result of an exchange of telegrams and fearing that should this attitude be maintained it would affect the success of his administration of affairs in New Mexico, Governor Curry this morning telegraphed to President Taft tendering his resignation as governor of New Mexico to take effect immediately upon the appointment and qualification of his successor.

Tonight Governor Curry received a telegram from President Taft indicating that the president had not been aware of any criticism directed against him or his administration, assuring him that he would have his full support so long as he remained governor; that there was no desire for any change in the administration in New Mexico; and suggesting that the president considered the governor's action hasty and that it should be reconsidered.

The governor has been disturbed and annoyed for some time past by newspaper stories which have been sent out from Washington criticising him and suggesting that his administration had been criticized in official circles. Immediately following the close of the legislature the governor telegraphed to the secretary of the interior, Mr. Ballinger, requesting permission for leave of absence from the territory to visit Washington, desiring to take up matters connected with the administration of New Mexico affairs with the secretary, and also to learn if possible the origin of the criticism referred to. He received a telegram in reply from the secretary, indicating that permission to come to Washington would be refused, and this was followed at once by the order directing territorial officials to remain at home unless sent for, and directing further that they should not come to Washington to urge statehood or other legislation pending before congress. The governor considered this order directed to himself, but addressed another telegram to the secretary indicating that he did not desire to take up statehood or any other matter pending before congress but merely to discuss matters of administration in New Mexico. The reply to this telegram was a message from the secretary refusing the desired permission. This Governor Curry considered as indicating that he did not have the full support of the administration; that without such support he could not consistently continue in the governor's office and he therefore tendered his resignation to the president by wire. In letting it be known that he had tendered his resignation the governor desired to have it distinctly understood that there was nothing in his attitude of criticism toward the national administration or that he was out of harmony with it in any way. He was only desirous that his successor should be a New Mexico man who should possess the full confidence

of the people as well as of the president.

Feeling that he had accomplished the task for which he was appointed, the governor has seriously considered resigning the office in the near future. He had indicated this desire to his friends on a number of occasions and it has been well known among those enjoying his confidence that he has remained in the office at a personal sacrifice.

The legislature having adjourned and the territorial administration having been completed and launched the Governor's intention to retire from the office was merely determined and hastened by the refusal of the secretary of the interior to allow him to visit Washington to discuss matters which he considered of vital importance to the success of the administration. The refusal of the secretary to grant the desired permission caused the governor to feel that he did not have the full support of the administration without which he considered it impossible to successfully conduct the governor's office and his resignation was the result.

The announcement that the governor had resigned came, however, as a shock to the people of the territory with whom his administration has been popular almost from its opening day. The result of the announcement was a flood of telegraph and telephone messages from all over the territory suggesting that his action had been hasty and urging that he reconsider.

The legislature which has just adjourned had adopted a large number of the governor's suggestions for progressive and constructive legislation; it had followed his advice on many important matters and had confirmed his appointments without a single exception by unanimous vote. Without appointing a single member of the legislature to office, thereby establishing a precedent long needed in New Mexico, and without using his office in any way to influence legislation, the governor had still obtained from the assembly a large portion of the acts which he considered necessary for the progress of the territory. His exceptional success with legislation and the complete harmony existing in all branches of the territorial government, with the favorable prospect for its continuance made the announcement of his resignation more than a shock to the people. Prominent men in all parts of the territory opened communication with the governor's office as soon as they learned of the resignation, to urge that it be reconsidered. To these requests the governor during the day turned a deaf ear. The refusal of the secretary to allow him to visit Washington had convinced him that he did not have the full backing of the administration without which he has always held that no executive could satisfactorily conduct his office and this had determined him in his intention to resign at once.

There has seldom been a more

## Recommends them to Estancia

"I saw nine carloads of home-seekers' goods in Estancia yesterday," said Philip Luker, representing the Denver Type Foundry company yesterday. Mr. Luker has just returned from a trip through the Estancia country and declares the town of Estancia is far away the best burg in the valley.

"Estancia was the busiest place this week I have seen in New Mexico for its size," said the traveling man. The streets were full of wagons and buggies and there was something doing not only on every corner but between the corners. For a sample of a good live growing western town recommend me to Estancia," Mr. Luker says train connections with the Estancia country have improved and it is much easier to get in there now. Like all other traveling men he is praying for the day that there will be a short line through to the rich upland country from Albuquerque.—Journal.

## Camp Growing Steadily

The Modern Woodmen of America meet in regular camp on Monday night, March 29. All visiting Woodmen are invited to attend, as well as all Woodmen who have their membership in other places. The latter are also urged to transfer their membership to the local camp and help strengthen it. Estancia Camp is in a good way to become ere long the strongest camp in the territory, toward which goal the members are earnestly pushing forward.

## Buys Valley Home

James A. Long on Tuesday purchased the relinquishment of William A. Hammonds northwest of Estancia and filed a homestead thereon. The consideration was \$725, the deal being made by Scott Wolfe. Mr. Long with his father came from Iowa, and was pleased to find a number of people here from his home state and town.

\*\*\*\*\* universal expression of confidence in an executive than has been given to governor Curry during the day by the people of New Mexico and when it became known in Santa Fe tonight that President Taft had suggested that the governor should reconsider his resignation, there were expressions of satisfaction on every hand.

Following the receipt of the president's telegram tonight, Governor Curry merely said that he had no desire to take any hasty action and that he expected to go to Washington within a short time to discuss the matter with the president.

The expressions of regret and disapproval that followed the announcement that the governor had resigned today were succeeded, tonight by urgent requests that he reconsider the action of the morning and remain in the executive office. These expressions have come from practically every section of New Mexico reached by the telegraph and telephone. They have indicated that the people are well satisfied with Governor Curry's administration, that they desire no change and that they hope the governor will accept the president's suggestion and reconsider his determination to resign.—Albuquerque Morning Journal.

## Boosting the Estancia Valley

W. B. Dressler, ex-editor, ex-printer and ex-real estate man of Gridley, Kansas, was in Estancia the first of the week. Mr. Dressler is looking for a home in the valley and from what he had already seen is sure to find one to please him. He will take a look at the whole valley before locating. He has spent a month or more traveling through Texas, and other parts of New Mexico, but says the Estancia Valley has them all beat.

## B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader: Miss Newton.  
Subject, Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself.  
Song Service.  
Scripture Reading, Mat. 10:1-10.  
Prayer.  
Song, Help Somebody Today.  
Talk, Political and Moral Questions, Fred Tuttle.  
Paper, Christ in the Individual, Miss Laws.  
Song.  
General Discussion of the Subject, Members and Visitors.  
Favorite Scripture Quotations.  
Business.  
Closing Song and Prayer.

## The Estancia Valley.

Many years ago some ranchmen came And to this valley secured a claim, But by and by the government saw Their claim would not hold good in law. They then decided to bring the change And open for settlement this fine range Which was then said to be the best Of all the valleys of the west.

These broad rich acres stretched afar With not a settler anywhere; But they invited the sons of toil To come and own and till the soil.

So the people came from everywhere To get them homes in this valley fair; And the government with a liberal hand Has given to each their tract of land.

From up in the mountains lumber came And each one was able a house to claim; Also from the mountains both posts and wood Were easily brought over the down hill road.

Each broke some land and fenced a field And the soil brought forth a bounteous yield; And all this came as a gracious gift Which put the settlers on the road to thrift.

The gardens too produced so good That everyone has the best of food. So as the years will come and go We will sit and watch the country grow.

But now as we look the picture o'er Some have never had a home before. And will they be content to keep One that has come to them so cheap?

Or will they try to sell their home And again out o'er the world to roam? But with no special thing in view They will wander the country through.

And as they go, spend money and time Not finding just their ideal clime. They may come back here some day Wishing they had not gone away.

For homes will then be worth so much That they can't even a small one touch; But now they are tired, they will look around And rent a shack and a little ground.

And set to work with a crippled pride As what they make they must divide. Wiser and sadder from lessons learned We'll treat them good as they're returned.—H. G. Bedford.

## ARTESIAN FLOW ALMOST A CERTAINTY

Encouraging Report Given by Driller who is Confident of Reaching Artesian Flow at less than 600 Feet

## STOCKHOLDERS MEETING NEXT MONDAY

At a meeting of the directors of the Estancia Public Service Company held on Monday last, the conditions in regard to the well were discussed and it was unanimously decided to move the derrick and put down another well. This work will take only a few days time to reach the rock at a depth of something more than 500 feet, while more than that much time would probably be spent in attempting to clean out the old hole. It was also decided that as soon as the rock was reached to use a drop-drill to go through the fifteen feet of rock.

The directors are anything but discouraged, all being confident that a clean hole, cased to the rock, will assure an artesian flow at less than six hundred feet. The drill has been moved and at the end of the first few hours drilling, a depth of over fifty feet was reached. Below we give the drillers report as to the work on the last well.

Herewith I submit a report of work done on the wells at the A. J. Green homestead:

We began drilling on the first well December 10th and on the 30th, the well was 580 feet deep and down to a very hard rock. After drilling some six feet in this rock the drill collar slipped the thread and the drill, 8 inch, was left in the well. After trying some two weeks to recover this drill we abandoned the well, moved about eight feet and started another, and on February 10th had it down 587 feet, and on the strata of rock found in the first well.

On the night of February 13 the drill stem broke 40 feet from the bottom of the well.

In putting down eight inch casing, we rotated about 570 feet in, and the thread broke on the second joint from the bottom, and the break did not connect up true, so there was a shoulder that caught the couplings of the drill stem in raising it out of the well.

When I found that the drill stem had broken as stated above, I sent down my four inch recovering spear and caught the broken pipe, but in trying to draw it out the broken casing caught it, and caused the drill stem to slip the threads in another joint four lengths from the bottom and it dropped back. These two pieces I succeeded in recovering but found that the fall had broken them loose at the coupling on the 4 inch recovering spear, which was lodged in the first section broken.

This section, two joints, about 40 feet, leaned out from a perpendicular, and we could not again get hold of it with any tool that would pass down through 8 inch casing.

We then took up the 8 inch casing from the break and tried to get up the remaining two joints and in our last effort, we broke off a tool we had made and attached to a piece of thick hydraulic pipe that only had a hole about one and one half inches in diameter, and too small to insert any tool capable of lifting it out. We also found that the 8 inch casing in the well had become

battered to the extent that a seven and a half inch pipe would not enter it. This is the condition of the work today. The drilling had progressed 11-12 feet in the rock at the bottom when the drill stem broke, and the rock had become much softer, and drilled easier and I am satisfied we would have been through it in another hour. When the pumps had been stopped about a week, we found the water had raised from some 25 feet below the surface to within two feet of the surface top of casing and the casing was two feet above the surface and it was steadily rising when we again went to work and I am satisfied it would have flowed over in 24 hours more. The casing being out, it now stands about seven feet from the surface.

We can probably clear the well of all of its obstructions, but I believe we can drill a new hole quicker, and I am still of the opinion that artesian water can be had, and that possibly it is just under the rock we have at the bottom of the well.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. Mayo.

A stockholders meeting of the Estancia Public Service Company has been called for next Monday afternoon in the Library Rooms of the Methodist church. Business of importance will come before the stockholders, among which is the election of officers for the ensuing year. It is especially urged that all stockholders be present either in person or by proxy. At this time when the test for artesian water is apparently so near a successful termination, every man in the valley should take an especial interest in this meeting. Don't fail to be there.

## Willard People Wed

Married on yesterday afternoon at the Valley Hotel by Judge J. E. Braxton, Miss Nellie J. Paddleford and J. N. Underwood, both of Willard, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. Berkshire of the Valley Hotel acted as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood are well known in the Willard neighborhood, residing south of the Cut-off town. The News joins in congratulations.

The baseball fans expect to organize the Estancia Baseball Team on next Sunday afternoon. All interested please see either Terry or Lyons at the Hughes Mercantile Company store.

Frank Dibert returned to Santa Fe Monday after a weeks visit with his son, Ammon, south of town.

B. T. Johnson of Killen, Alabama, and his daughter, Miss Lola Johnson, of Woods County, Oklahoma, arrived on Tuesday. Mr. Johnson has taken up his residence on his homestead, adjoining that of his son, Dr. B. Johnson.